



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 16,600 in Connecticut.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 6,900 in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Connecticut: 194.3 **National:** 202.3

Connecticut ranks 36th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Connecticut.
- 1,800 men and women will die of lung cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Connecticut	National
Overall	51.2	56.8
White	51.3	56.7
Black	55.6	66.4
Hispanic	19.0	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.2	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,600 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Connecticut.
- 500 women will die of breast cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Connecticut	National
Overall	27.8	27.7
White	27.5	27.2
Black	33.1	35.9
Hispanic	12.4	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,900 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Connecticut.
- 700 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Connecticut	National
Overall	20.7	21.2
White	20.5	20.7
Black	24.0	28.5
Hispanic	10.0	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,800 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Connecticut.
- 400 men will die of prostate cancer in Connecticut.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Connecticut	National
Overall	30.1	32.9
White	28.6	30.2
Black	72.9	73.0
Hispanic	21.8	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Connecticut death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.